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Police find meth in home next to Clay City park

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

The plague known as meth seems to be growing. Despite efforts by law enforcement and stricter state laws on how to obtain the necessary ingredients to make it, people are still doing it. In fact last week a home close to a place where kids play became the next one to be found making the deadly drug.

A tip about a strong chemical smell sent police to a home located within a few feet of a Little League ball field. That same odor led officers to finding meth and charging four people for the crime.

The tip was given to Stanton Police Officer Phillip Frazier last Tuesday evening. The tipster, who officers are not identifying, told Frazier there was a strong chemical smell coming from a house at 23 West Lake Drive. Officers from the Stanton, Clay City and Powell County Sheriff's departments descended on the home.

"There was definitely a real strong odor that is usually associated with the manufacturing of meth," Frazier said. Clay City Police Chief Shannon Taylor agreed, "It was real strong, the people in the house even had the back door and a window open," he added. "You could smell it as soon we walked up."

Officers conducted what is known as a knock-and-talk. That is when an officer will knock on the door and talk to whoever answers about a complaint received.

As officers approached the front door, others went

around back. It was there they found a burn pile with partially burned one-step meth labs, old plastic bottles that are used to make meth. Other items used to manufacture methamphetamines were found in the pile as well. They also found Doyle M. Conner, 37, of Clay City, attempting to hide near a bush.

Officers were given permission to enter the home and found three more people inside. They found Shelly R. Poe, 30, Sean N. Howard, 39 and Teresa Conner, 48.

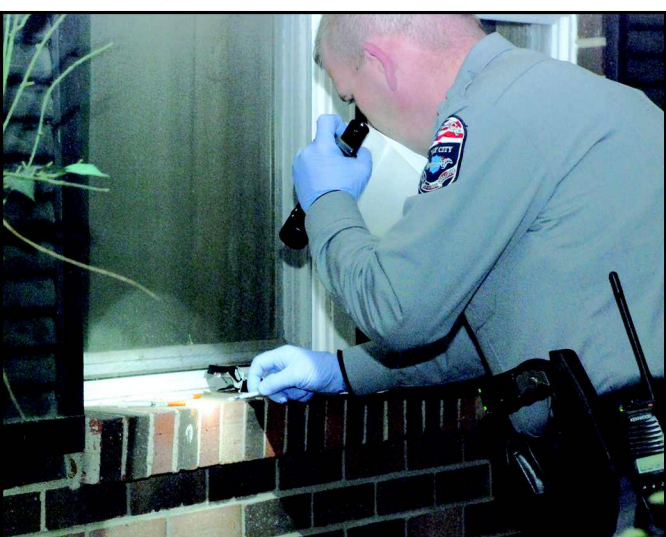
Officers also found two one-step meth labs. Among the items recovered by police were what appeared to be the meth in a white powder already in small plastic bags. They also found tubing, scales, baggies and syringes at the scene.

Police say that Howard, who is believed to be the one that lives at the home, told them that a man he did not know asked to make meth in his home. He then allowed the person in along with friends.

A meth decontamination unit from Morehead was brought in to gather the items found.

All four were arrested and charged with manufacturing methamphetamine first offense and tampering with physical evidence. They were lodged in the Powell County Detention Center. Their photos were also displayed on the Clay City Police Department's Facebook page.

Clay City Police Sgt. James Kirk is investigating the case.



Times Photo by James Cook

Clay City Police Sgt. James Kirk looks at syringes found in the home located at 23 West Lake Drive in Clay City last Tuesday evening. A tip led officers to finding meth being made in a home, which is located directly across the street from the Clay City Meadows Park and the Little League ball field. Four people were arrested at the scene.

Clay City Times Holiday Schedule

Due to the holidays and the printers schedule the Times will have early deadlines for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues.

The deadline for **ALL** news, announcements and advertising for Dec. 26 issue will be **NOON** on Friday, Dec. 20. The deadline line for the Jan. 2 issue is **NOON** on Friday, Dec. 27.



Times File Photo by James Cook

Lights, Lights & More Lights

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

For the second year in a row, the lights on Brush Creek are shining brightly. For 20 years the lights shone brightly this time of year at the Nelson home on Brush Creek. Following the death of Ed Nelson in January of 2009 those lights went dim. But last year the lights lit up the night again.

Maryann Nelson, Ed's widow, has once again turned on the Christmas lights and the display is extraordinary. With over 700,000 lights that cover the yard, the house, a tree house and a nearby garage, the glow can be seen pretty easily.

"We have a lot of blow up displays for the kids," Nelson said last year. "That seems to interest the younger ones."

The display has been referred to as the southern version of Southern Lights, though not officially. But Nelson said that people from nearby

counties and even other states have come by to view the lights over the years.

There are Santa figurines, snowmen, even Santa in a helicopter. Prominently displayed is the nativity scene as well. There is basically something for every Christmas fan.

The lights will be turned this weekend beginning on Friday from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Nelson said she will turn on the lights for a special group coming through they just need to call 663-1222.

Beginning on Dec. 20 the lights will be on nightly from 5:30 to 10 p.m. That will run through Dec. 31.

The house is located at 1429 Brush Creek Road just north of Clay City in the Westbend area. Take Highway 15 north from Clay City until you come to Brush Creek Road and the Mountain Parkway overpass. Cross over the parkway and travel about a mile, you cannot miss the glow.



Times Photos by James Cook

The 16th Annual Seniors Citizens Center Christmas Bazaar (top photo) was held last Saturday to help raise funds for the meals they provide and was a busy place. The fourth annual Christmas Tea presented by the PCHS Art Club and FBLA last Friday evening (above). It was a time of fellowship and sharing for women of all ages. Landy Williams (back to camera, bottom right) was the guest speaker.

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Lynch to help Jensen campaign

From Anderson County to Wolfe County, and every county in between, Elisabeth Jensen’s campaign for Congress has built a diverse network of support.

Today, Jensen released a list of co-chairs for her campaign from counties across the 6th Congressional District, along with co-chairs for a Seniors, Youth and Young Adult, Women, African American, Latino/a, and Veterans Caucus.

“As I have talked to people in every county in this district, it is clear people are interested in a government that works,” said Jensen. “This group of influential and hard working people from across the district is a strong example of both the strength of my campaign, and the desire I hear for change in Washington.”

“I fought too long and too hard on battle fields overseas to see our reputation and our nation’s credibility tarnished because we lack the will to compromise and move forward on important issues like passing a budget,” said Michael Moynahan, chair of the Veterans Caucus. “It is time for someone like Elisabeth Jensen, who has a track record of rolling up her sleeves and getting work done, to represent us in Washington.”

“We saw the impact women in office can have when they negotiated us out of the government shutdown,” said Diane Hancock, co-chair of the Women’s Caucus. “Elisabeth will join that group in creating solutions that can move our country forward.”

In addition to representing diverse groups of constituents, every county in the district is represented – showing the depth and breadth of support Jensen has gained since entering the race in June. It is a group that will continue to grow as the campaign moves along.

“Elisabeth Jensen is the kind of representative we want in Washington. One who won’t play partisan games, but puts us, the people, first,” said Ed Lynch, Powell County chair. “We want a representative who is not only accessible to us, but who listens to us, and carries our concerns with her. Elisabeth is doing that in Powell County, and across the 6th district.”

Jensen, as an executive of a non-profit and with deep experience in the business community, brings the tools and experience needed to get the economy working again. She is running for Congress to seek common sense, bi-partisan solutions to the challenges facing our country.

“The building blocks for our future,” she stated, “are affordable education, work-force development, and jobs which, if elected, will be my priorities,," Jensen said.

“As I have traveled the 6th Congressional District, these concerns have come up from Nicholas County to Anderson County. We need to stop playing politics in Washington, and start actually governing to improve peoples lives.”

Full list of Co-Chairs

Anderson	Betty	Springate
Franklin	Jill	Robinson
Woodford	Joe	Graviss
Scott	Brian	Perkins
Fayette	Bob	Layton
Jessamine	Jacqueline	Coleman
Harrison	Mary	Contella
Bourbon	Leslie	Spears
Clark	Brandy	Bailey
Madison	Sandra	Powell
Robertson	Karen	Curtis
Nicholas	Mike	Dotson
Montgomery	Megan	Bowles
Powell	Ed	Lynch
Menifee	Ria	Harper
Estill	Shayne	Puckett
Fleming	John	Sims
Bath	Tom	Hogge
Wolfe	Roy	Lumpkins
Youth/Young Adults	Clint	Morris
Veterans	Michael	Moynahan
Women	Diane	Hancock
Latinos	Dianet	Valencia
African Americans	Michael	Haskins
Seniors	Lillian&O.Leanord	Press

Book containing issues to be heard in General Assembly available

A book containing issue briefs on topics likely to confront lawmakers during the Kentucky General Assembly’s 2014 session is now available in print and online.

“Issues Confronting the 2014 Kentucky General Assembly” contains 46 issue briefs prepared by members of the Legislative Research Commission staff. The book is not meant as an exhaustive list of issues that lawmakers will consider, but reflects a balanced look

at some of the main topics that have been discussed in legislative committee meetings.

The publication can be viewed online at: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/lrcpubs/IB242.pdf>.

Printed copies can also be picked up at the LRC Publications Office in the State Capitol, Rm. 83.

The Kentucky General Assembly’s 2014 session begins on Jan. 7 and is scheduled to adjourn on April 15.

CLARIFICATION

In the story about the hit-and-run at the EZ Stop in Clay City last week, part of an interview’s content with Jeff Barnett, an employee of the EZ Stop and IGA, may have been confused with other statements. It was Barnett’s opinion that the driver had “no regard for human life” and not that of the state police officer investigating the case.

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Darrell Billings, of Tanner Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep-Ram in Stanton, turned over the keys to a 2013 Dodge Durango and 2013 Dodge Charger to Stanton Mayor Dale Allen and Stanton Police Chief Kevin Neal last week. The two new cruisers will be added to the city’s police fleet and will help to replace older vehicles.

Who's running in the May Primary?

The list is growing and we are not talking about Santa’s list.

The list we refer to is the one of candidates filing to run for office in Powell County in the May 2014 Primary. Below is a list of those who have filed and the offices they have filed to run for as of last Thursday:

- County Judge Executive**
James D. Anderson (D)
Myers Arnett (D)
Kevin Babcock (D)
Logan Faulkner (D)
- County Attorney**
Robert Graham King (D)
- County Clerk**
Rhonda Allen Barnett (D)
Willard Lawrence (Larry) Drake (D)
- County Sheriff**
Danny Rogers (R)
Sammy Hall (D)
Phillip Frazier (D)

- County Jailer**
Travis Crabtree (D)
- County Coroner**
Hondo Hearne (D)
- PVA**
Dustin Billings (D)
- Magistrates**
District 1
Robert Richardson, (D)
District 3
Michael Lockard, (D)
James (Jimmy) Reed, (D)
District 4
Timmy Tipton, (D)
John Barker, Jr., (D)
District 5
Donna Gabbard, (D)
Carlos Rogers, (D)
- Constable**
District 4
Jesse Miles (D)
District 5
Gerald Bishop (D)

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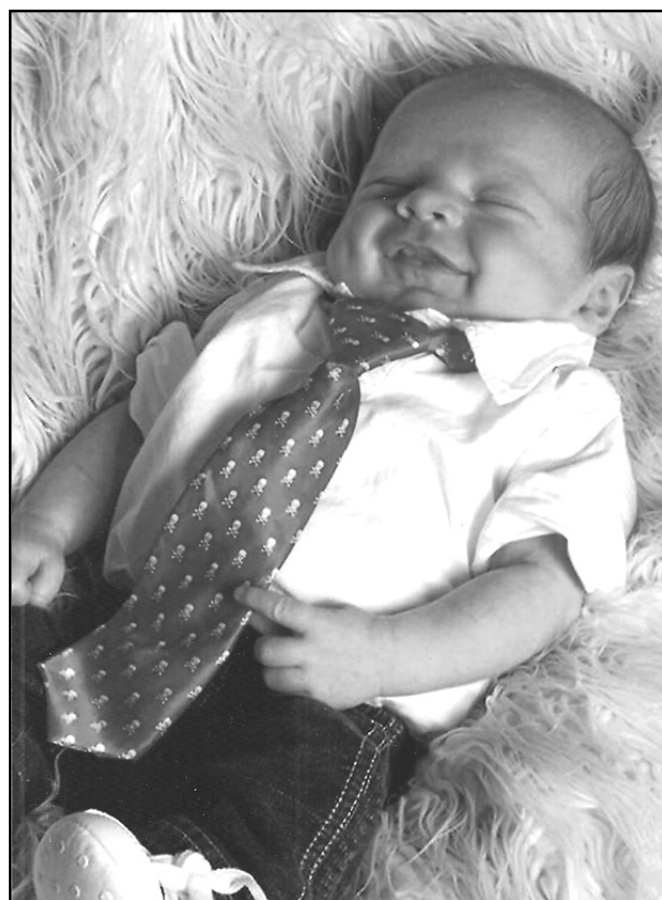
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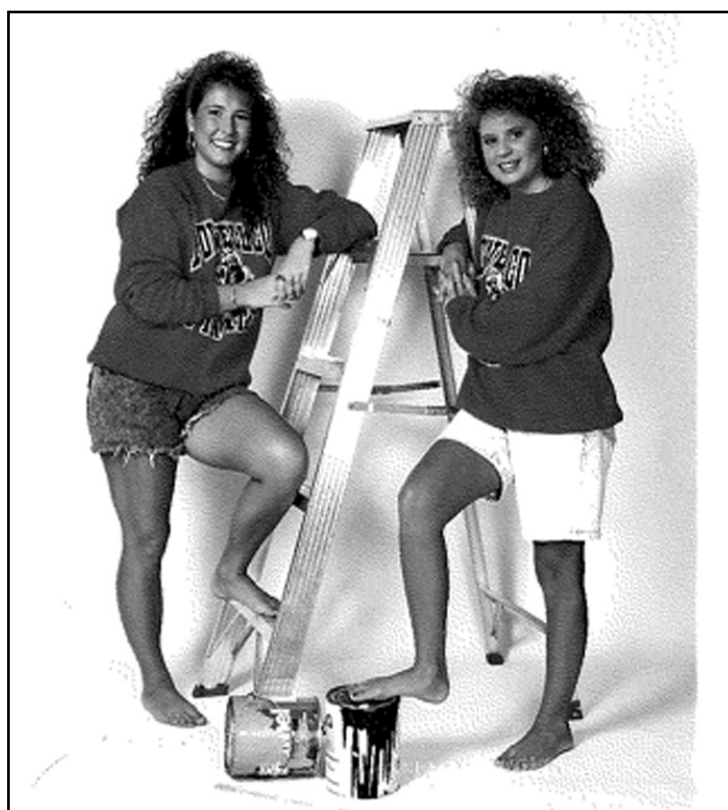
Jett Allen Wayne Randall

Say Hello to Mr. Randall!

Steve Randall and Ashley Mullins would like to announce the birth of their son Jett Allen Wayne Randall. He was born on Aug. 20, 2013 at Clark Regional Medical Center at 5:31 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. Jett's paternal grandparents are Janet and Bill Townsend, and the late Allen Wayne Randall. His maternal grandparents are Cathy and Steve Jones and Earl Mullins. He is the brother of Stevie Jo Randall.

He was welcomed into the family by his aunts and uncles: Tammy and Jason Rogers, James and Sherry Randall, Vickie Knox, Sheila Randall, and Johnathon and Adrienne Mullins. A special thanks to Granny Jones and Aunt Tammy for hosting the baby shower and much, much more. Also, a special thanks to his cousins Carly, Layne and Taylor for toughening him up at the babysitter's.

Happy 40th Birthday!



I don't even recall meeting you- -I've known you since I don't know when

Through the years of life's up and downs, like sisters we have been

And there's no doubt about it...you're the very best friend that is and will ever be

Happy 40th Birthday to my dear friend - who will always be older than me!

GED to change, last chance Dec. 18

Kentucky Adult Education has announced that the current version of the GED test will expire at the end of 2013. The current version, known as the 2002 Series GED test, will be replaced with the new 2014 GED test on Jan. 2, 2014.

The important point that Kentuckians need to know is this - people who have taken the 2002 Series GED test, but have not passed all five parts, have only until Dec. 18, 2013, to take the current test. If they do not pass all five parts by Dec. 18, 2013, they will need to start over again in 2014 with the new GED test. Powell County Adult Education offers free classes to help adults earn their GED. The Powell County adult education center is located behind the library. The program can be reached by calling 606-663-1948, by e-mailing j.hendrix@morehead-state.edu or clicking www.facebook.com/adultedu GED testing information is also available at www.finishtheGED.com.

• The last day to take the current version of the GED test is December 18, 2013.

• All GED test-takers must first pass the Official GED Practice Test™, which is available at all local adult education programs.

Congelton to graduate from MSU

David and Tammy Congleton would like to announce the upcoming graduation of their son Joshua David Congleton. Joshua is graduating from Morehead State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science Education on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Joshua is the grandson of James and Ann Johnson of Furnace Junction and the late Elmo and Wondella Congleton of Stanton.

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• **Powell School Board Meeting**
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• **Powell Fiscal Court**
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• **Stanton City Council**
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PCHS
Student of
the Week



Mackenzie Barnett

MacKenzie Barnett is this week's PTO Student of the Week at Powell County High School. She is the daughter of Darby and Christi Billings of Stanton.

MacKenzie is a senior and a member of the Lady Pirates varsity softball team. She is also active in FBLA, Pep Club, Art Club, and the Beta Club. The best part of being a student at PCHS for MacKenzie is playing softball and dressing up and showing school spirit at ball games. Art class with Jennifer Billings is her favorite because "she relates well with her students and makes art awesome!" MacKenzie was nominated for PTO Student of the Week by Mrs. Billings.

In the future, MacKenzie plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University and major in English Literature and minor in Journalism.

Student of the Week is a program sponsored by the PTO and recognizes students who are role models in the areas of study, effort, cooperation, and attitude. Other students nominated this week include Jacob Trent and Meredith Waugh.



PCMS
Students of
the Week

The Powell County Middle School is proud to present their Students of the Week. This week they are: Hannah Faulkner (top left) from the sixth grade; Marissa Campbell (top right) from the seventh grade; and Kolton Johnson (right) from the eighth grade.

Student of the Week recipients are chosen based on academics, behavior, and positive character.

Congratulations to this week's PCMS Students of the Week!



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Powell County School Calendar

<i>Dec. 14</i>	<i>ACT Testing</i>
<i>Dec. 23-Jan. 6</i>	<i>Christmas Break</i>
<i>Jan. 20</i>	<i>NO SCHOOL-MLK Day</i>

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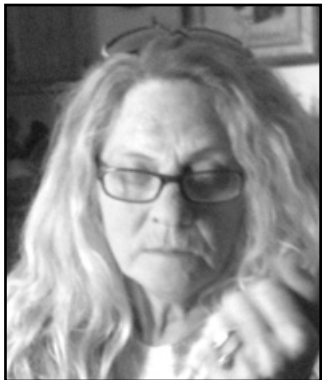
OBITUARIES

Earline Johnson, 65

Earline Johnson, 65, of Pine Creek Drive, passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 at her residence. She was a homemaker and a member of More Than Enough Ministries.

She is survived by one son, Ervine Fugate (Monola) of Pineville; three daughters, Debra Martin of Stanton, Lisa Pierson (Josh) of Clay City and Brittany Dickerson of Stanton; 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; one brother, Pete Barker; two sisters, Helen Dickerson of Cincinnati, OH and Juanita Grimes of Hazard. She was preceded in death by her parents, Houston and Pruda Barker; one daughter, Jean Fugate; four brothers; one sister and one grandchild.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Betsy Caudill officiating. Burial followed in The Rest Haven Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tyler Fugate, Kendell Pierson, Kevin Miller, Chase Bailey, Brandon Fugate and Tony Fugate. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.



Anna Vires, 86

Anna Vanover Vires, 86, widow of Archie Vires, of Skinner Branch Road, Clay City, passed away at her residence with her family by her side on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013. Born in Avawaam, KY she was the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Joseph Vanover. She was a member of the Powell County Homemakers Association and the Clay City Church of Christ. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by three sons, Paul Napier, Alva Vires and Estill Vires and by one daughter, Melissa Vires.

She is survived by three sons: David and his wife Janice Vires, Archie and his wife Sherry Vires and Mark and his wife Charlene Vires all of Clay City, KY; five daughters: Media and her husband Carl Witten of Moyock, NC, Mary Jayne Casey of Clay City, Betty Jo and her husband Glenn Oliver of Stanton, Katherine and her husband Shane Simpson of Clay City and Bonnie and her husband Allan Vaillencourt of Clay City; two brothers: James and his wife Sue Vanover of Hazard and Sam Vanover of Clay City; three sisters: Melissa and her husband Tommy Ramey of Salt Lick, Louvirna Hall of Stanton and Josephine and her husband Donnie Sizemore of Hazard; 15 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. M. C. Rice and Bro. Daniel Newell were held on Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 at the Clay City Church of Christ, Clay City. Interment was in Kennon Cemetery, Hardwicks Creek Road, Clay City, with David Casey, Victor Puente, Jonathan Rogers, Paul Rogers, Vincent Puente, William Vires, Benjamin Witten and Eric Witten serving as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Elihue Shepherd, Viola Netherly, Melvin Dean Burgher, Elihue Shepherd, II and the members of the Clay City Church of Christ. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc. www.hearnefuneralhome.com.



Orival Wireman, 34

Orival Wayne Wireman, 34, of Punkin Hollow Road, Stanton, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013. Born in Winchester, he was the son of Bernard and Rosalee Profitt Wireman. He was a highway equipment operator with the Kentucky Department of Transportation and he enjoyed hunting and making arrowheads.

He is survived by his wife, Jerri Meadows Wireman and their daughter, Willow Brooke Wireman; his parents, Bernard and Rosalee Wireman of Stanton; his paternal grandmother, Cleeda Wireman of Stanton; one sister, Queylynn and her husband James Brewer of Lexington; and by several nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are Chris Hall, Tim Marsh, Donnie Boyd, Hunter Bellamy, Harry Marsh, Reece Foster, Justin and Jackson Reed. No funeral services are scheduled. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc. www.hearnefuneralhome.com.



St. Joseph Mt. Sterling President Benny Nolen named Chairman of March for Babies

Benny Nolen, president of Saint Joseph Mount Sterling, part of KentuckyOne Health, has been named chairman of the 2014 Gateway March for Babies. This walk includes Bath, Menifee, Montgomerly, Morgan, Powell, and Rowan counties.

March for Babies is an annual event held by the March of Dimes to fund programs that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies, and research to find answers to the serious problems that threaten the health of infants.

The local 2014 March for Babies will take place on Sunday, April 13 at Easy Walker Park in Mount Sterling. Registration opens at 1:30 p.m., and the walk will begin at 2:30 p.m.

In his role as chairman, Nolen will work closely with March of Dimes staff to recruit sponsors and encourage community participation in the March for Babies.

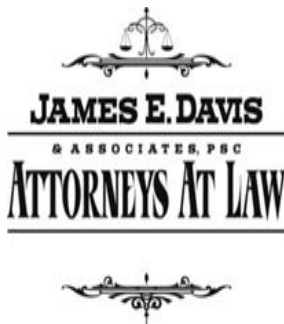
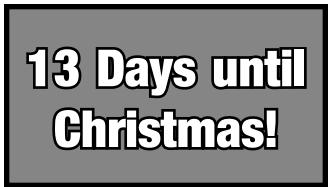
Nolen will host an executive breakfast for business leaders on Thursday, Jan. 16 to share information about ways local leaders can support the March for Babies event. This will be held at the Montgomery Health and Civic Center from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

"I'm honored to have been chosen as the 2014 chair of the March for

Babies,"said Nolen. "Each year our hospital delivers hundreds of babies and we have a vested interest in the health and wellness of those children. The March of Dimes does incredible work and I look forward to helping further their efforts."

The March of Dimes has hosted March for Babies events across the country since 1970 and

raised an incredible \$2.6 billion for the cause. More than seven million people participate, donate and/or sponsor the events nationwide.



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Kentucky River Foothills is still offering heating assistance

Kentucky River Foothills Development Council (KRFDC) will begin the "Subsidy" portion of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on Tuesday, November 12. LIHEAP provides financial assistance to income-eligible households with home heating costs through two programs: LIHEAP Subsidy (typically in November and December) and LIHEAP Crisis (typically January until the middle of March or until all funds are expended).

Applications will be taken Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the KRFDC Outreach Office located at 176 12th Street in Clay City. The office will be closed from noon – 1 p.m.

Both homeowners and renters who are responsible for their heating bills and have low or fixed incomes are eligible. Qualifying participants will receive an energy assistance benefit. Energy services include electric, gas, kerosene, propane or wood. Eligible participants do not need to have an unpaid energy bill or be out of fuel to receive energy assistance in the subsidy portion of this program. The benefit amount that each household receives will be based on its level of poverty and the type of fuel used for heating. All eligible households will receive a benefit until LIHEAP funds are fully depleted. Benefits will be made payable to the household's primary or secondary heating fuel vendor.

LIHEAP is a state-wide initiative sponsored by Community Action Kentucky in partnership with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). The U.S. Department for Health and Human Services

appropriates funding to Kentucky through the CHFS, which contracts with Community Action Agencies across the state to receive LIHEAP applications and provide recipient benefits.

A household is considered to be eligible for energy assistance when the household meets the basic eligibility criteria. This criteria includes:

1. completion of an application;
2. is responsible for home energy costs, directly or as an undesignated portion of their rent;
3. have a combined household income, for the calendar month prior to the month of application, not in excess of 130% of the federal poverty level as listed in the Income Eligibility Guidelines;
4. live in Kentucky when the application is made and apply in the county of residence; and
5. not have liquid resources in excess of \$2,000, or \$3,000 if at least one person in the household is 60 or older; and/or disabled except for households where a member has a catastrophic illness. The amount may be \$4,000 when the resources are being accessed for medical and living expenses.

Applicants must bring the following information:

- * most recent heating bill, or verification that heating expenses are included in rent;
- * metered utility bill (natural gas, electric, or water) as proof of address;
- * Social Security cards, or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of household;
- * proof of all household income from preceding month. Applications will be taken in alphabetical order based on the first let-

ter of the head of household's last name using the following schedule:

December 13	T
December 16	U, V, W
December 17	X, Y, Z
December 18	Open
December 19	Open
Applications will be taken through December 19, 2013.	
LIHEAP has established income guidelines to determine eligibility. For the 2013-2014 program year, the income guidelines are:	
Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,245
2	\$1,681
3	\$2,116
4	\$2,552
5	\$2,987
6	\$3,423
7	\$3,858
8	\$4,294
* Add \$436 for each additional family member	

Individuals who are unable to apply for themselves may send an authorized individual to apply for them. If this is the case, please contact the KRFDC office in advance. If you are sick or have the flu, please call the Outreach Office first to make other arrangements.

When the crisis component begins in January, a household shall be considered to be in a home heating crisis situation when the household meets the basic LIHEAP eligibility criteria and (1) the household is within four days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source; (2) the household has received a past due/disconnect notice if natural gas or electric is the heat source; or (3) the household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent from the landlord.

Powell Public Library offers free classes

All classes are FREE & held at Powell County Public Library from 5:30-6:45 If you cannot make it to the classes you can visit the library for assistance on basic computer needs.

If you are a job seeker you can visit PCPL website www.powelllib.org, go to Career Transitions. Put your library card # in (if you do not have a card come in & we will assist you) there are many resources including:

- Create a resume to send to potential employers
- Prepare a cover letter to send with your resume
- Get tips about resumes, applying, and interviews
- Prepare for job inter-

views with the interview simulation

- Assess Your Career Interests
- Browse Career Paths
- Match Experience to New Careers
- Find Schools &

Programs

If you have any questions please contact Teresa Means, Clerk/ Workforce Recovery and Tech Trainer, Powell County Public Library (606) 663-4511

Memories of Brother on his Birthday, Dec. 13



Brother, I can't remember a time when I needed you That in some way you reached out to help and encourage me

I miss so much all the things I literally took for granted And the way you were so patient and tried your best.

Fay and I are truly lonesome. This is two birthdays and two Christmases since you left. Not only that but your presence is missed just like Dad's.

Mommy would be so sad but in her most loving way would comfort with these words- If you live like the Good Book says We all will be together in Heaven some wonderful day.

A-Adorable
R-Reliable
C-Caring
H-Honest

T-Tolerant
O-Overprotective
L-Loving
E-Enduring
R-Responsible

J-Just
U-Unique
N-Notable
I-Intelligent
O-Open Minded
R-Resourceful

This is not all the words or explanations of our dear brother was because he was a simple but uncomplicated man and had a heart big as all outdoors.

We miss you brother,
Fay Toler
Darlene Pettitt

Bouncy curls and baton twirls



By SARAH BLOOM
Times Lifestyle
Columnist

(In light of the Christmas community activities over this past weekend I decided to re-run this column I wrote a couple of years ago. I have been busy, busy, busy typing up the Santa Letters for the elementary schools. I hope you enjoy!)

Memories are funny but precious things. Good or bad they are the pages of your life. I am always amazed at how they sneak into your thoughts at the strangest times, in the oddest of situations, and evoke a sentimental journey. This was the case Friday evening as I stood with my boys watching the Christmas parade.

My four year old, Cole, had quickly spotted Santa Claus leading the way and began to frantically wave his little arm, stretching it as far as he could in the hopes that the Jolly Old Elf would see him. Witnessing his joy and youthfulness was such a blessing to me. After all, second to the celebration of the birth of Jesus, children are what the season is all about. Standing there on that side walk, taking in a Christmas parade in the coolness of the evening brought back to me the memories of another such event many years in the past.

When I was in Kindergarten I was a member of a baton class. Back then my mom took me to gymnastics, tap, ballet and baton lessons during the week. I loved learning how to twirl and toss and so when my

teacher announced to us that we would be marching in a Christmas parade I was over the moon excited!

I can remember my mom carefully rolling my long, straight hair in those pink foam rollers. I wore them tightly secured to my head all day long in the hopes that when evening came I would have beautiful bouncy curls. Sure enough they worked and once my costume and hair were complete I was proud as punch of my appearance. My outfit consisted of a red shirt, white shorts, pantyhose and red legwarmers. Mom had pulled my hair up into pigtails that dangled beside my face and each was adorned with a red puff ball made of yarn at the top. The same decoration was attached to each of my white canvas shoes and matched perfectly with my knee high leg warmers.

There was a bustle of activity at the meeting place up on a hill in Paris, Kentucky. My fellow classmates and I excitedly fell into our lines and proudly began to march toward the road. We could hear the marching band playing far ahead of us which only added to the anticipation. I remember so clearly the temperature that evening was completely unforgiving. We discovered fairly quickly that leg warmers and pantyhose do not hold up too well against temperatures hovering slightly above the freezing mark.

As we marched we would stop ever so often and perform our baton twirling routine. We had made it through several stops before the freezing temperature began to take its toll. By this time the weather had pretty much turned the metal batons into popsicles in our hands. Tossing them at least alleviated some of the discomfort, but eventually one by one the girls

began to disappear into a van following closely behind our group. One of the parents had stayed close by so that everyone could quickly jump in, warm up, and get right back out to continue performing.

I was determined not to get in that van. I was still totally enamored with the whole idea of marching in a real parade and I wanted to see it through. My mom has told me many times over the years how proud she was of me for sticking it out. Even though my teeth were chattering louder than the beat of the marching band the frigid air is not what I remember most about that night. I remember the glow of the street lights and the bustle of excitement from the crowd that had gathered to watch. There was something magical about it all to my six year old eyes and ears.

So as I watched my son's excitement as we stood beneath the glow of the street lights, the beat of the marching band drifting through the air I was taken back by a wave of nostalgia. For just a moment that page of my life from so many years ago flipped open and I could almost feel those bouncy curls hanging beside my face and the icy grip I kept on my baton. I realized my life had come full circle and for that gift I was so thankful.

May you all have a very blessed week and I pray that you are enjoying the Christmas season so far. I would like to commend all who took part and volunteered their time for the various activities that took place last weekend. It was such a blessing to see the community come together.

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Happy 17th Birthday

It seems like yesterday we played in the pool and had tea parties and threw a softball for the first time. But you've grown up so fast and though we miss the little girl, we love the young woman you have become.
Happy Birthday Whitney!
Love Mom & Dad



Clay City Times Holiday Schedule

Due to the holidays and the printers schedule the Times will have early deadlines for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues.

The deadline for **ALL** news, announcements and advertising for Dec. 26 issue will be **NOON on Friday, Dec. 20.**

The deadline line for the Jan. 2 issue is **NOON on Friday, Dec. 27.**

Convenience can be good, but there is a trade off



PAM DOOLEY
County Home Ec.

Have you ever thought that there are just not enough hours in the day to get your entire to-do list accomplished? We are all probably guilty of occasionally grabbing supper at a drive-through in a mad dash after work to pick up the kids and get them to their extracurricular activities.

The demands of everyday life, including work, after school activities for the kids, and managing a household, often leave people searching for ways to complete tasks easier and faster in an effort to gain more time.

Today's marketplace of goods and services recognizes the high value that individuals place on time, understanding that consumers will often pay more for convenience. Have you ever stopped to think about what you may be sacrificing—cost, quality, taste—in an effort to save a few extra minutes?

There is no doubt the convenience products are most prevalent at the grocery store. Typically at the grocery, products are available in a variety of forms, such as scratch, semi-convenient, convenience, and ready-to-eat.

Most often an item made from scratch is perceived to be the most time consuming and the least expensive. However, this is not always true. There are several examples of items that may cost more when made from scratch, such as pizza.

A pizza made from scratch has several ingredients, and depending on your toppings some of these may be expensive. Other grocery store options for a pizza may include picking up a box pizza mix, a store-made pizza in the deli, or a frozen pizza in the freezer aisle; all of these options are normally cheaper and quicker than making a pizza from scratch but you lose the ability to control all the ingredients.

Of course there is always the pick up and delivery, which represents the most convenient form of pizza but often the most expensive.

Although most people associate convenience items and food preparation, we are bombarded with convenience products in our everyday life. For example, have you ever noticed an ATM at a sporting event or mall?

These machines are strategically placed in locations so that people can access cash quickly and easily. You should be aware that ATM machines not in your banking network normally charge significant fees, compared to other ATM locations.

Or, have you ever forgotten to pay a bill and charged it to your credit card to avoid late fee

charges? Depending on the biller, you may be charged a fee for paying by phone and/or by credit card.

Planning ahead can often help you avoid those last minute convenience fees. If you know you have a big shopping trip or event coming up, determine the amount of cash you will need the week before and stop by the bank or ATM as part of your weekly errands. Also, to be certain that you avoid late bills and associated fees, mark a calendar with the dates when all of your bills are due.

Review the calendar once per week to make certain all payments have been made. Online banking can also be a fast and easy way to keep your payments organized and timely.

All of our daily decisions have trade-offs; the choice of convenience is no different. Be certain that you are truly gaining value by choosing a convenience product and not just a perceived value created by marketers. If there are certain convenience products or foods that you use often take a few minutes to evaluate the different forms of the product and find the method that offers you the best balance of cost quality, and time.

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Only 11 Shopping days left before Christmas!

Ok men, better get started !!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

AmVets Meeting

AmVets Post 67, Clay City, monthly meeting, the first Sunday every month at 2 p.m. Bingo every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The Powell County Library

Story Time at the Powell County Public Library is every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 years. We will read stories, do crafts and sometimes a movie. Powell County Public Library Board Meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the library.

Disabled American Veteran Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Powell County Disabled American Veterans Powell County Chapter # 103 is held on the second Thursday each month at 30 Bright Street Stanton at 6 p.m.

Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the Powell County Extension Office. For more information call 606-481-9740

Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival

The committee for the Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival will meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Middlefork Fire Department at 7 p.m.

Veterans Benefits

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will

be at the Powell County Courthouse, Stanton on the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Veterans and their families will be given counseling in filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of any charge or fee by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Veterans Affairs. Call and leave a message at 1-866-376-0308, leave a message, your call will be returned. Bring all documents pertaining to filing a claim.

Higher Education Meeting

The Powell County Higher Education Development Board will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Powell County High School Library at 7 p.m.

Stanton Parks and Recreation Board

The Stanton Parks and Recreation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at the city building in the Senior Citizens building located at the city park.

Clay City Homemakers

The Clay City Homemakers meet on the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Powell County Extension Office.

Quilt Club

The Quilt Club meets the second Monday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Powell County Extension Office.

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CALENDAR

Weight Watchers Meeting

Weight Watchers will meet every Tuesday at the Stanton First Church of God located at 980 E. College Avenue. The weigh-in is at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Red River Bowhunters

Red River Bowhunters will be shooting indoors on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. through the end of March, with the exception of Christmas Eve on Dec. 24. For more information call 606-481-0959.

Operation Christmas Smile

Operation Christmas Smile will be held on Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. until the items are gone. Items needed: new toys, value \$10, gently used toys, new or used bicycles, and monetary donations. Am Vets Post 67 help over 300 children each year have a better Christmas! We cannot do this alone! That's why we count on your support every year. Contact: Commander Ray Montgomery 606-481-9165.

Powell County Republican Party Meeting

Powell County Republican Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Brookside Cottage. Anyone considering running in the 2014 election is welcome to come. Information on the upcoming elections and offices coming open in 2014 will be available for everyone. Everyone is welcome to come and share their concerns and suggestions. Questions please contact Chairman Mendel Tipton 663-3700 or Vice Chair Sherri Burgher 663-0514.

AmVets Rook Tournament

The Sons of AmVets Post #67 in Clay City will be holding a Rook Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 14. The start time is 7 p.m. Pre-entry, early preferred, draw for partners, 50/50 payout. There is a \$10 entry fee. For more information contact Greg Crabtree at 606-569-5030.

CCDW Class

Carry and Concealed Deadly Weapons Class will be held Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Stanton Fire Department. If interested contact Eddie Barnes at 1-859-771-5872.

Free Christmas Dinner

You're invited to Christmas Dinner! Please come eat Christmas Dinner with us, served free, at Clay City Elementary on Christmas day, Wednesday, Dec. 25 beginning at 11:30 a.m. It is sponsored by Community Friends. Delivery is available (for shut-ins only). Please call before Dec. 25 to arrange for delivery. For more information call 606-663-0244 or 606-663-2927 (weekdays).

Veterans Support Group

A Veterans Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City.

Cruising Car Club Meeting.

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club will be holding their monthly meeting the first Monday of each month at Irvine City Hall. If the meeting falls on a holiday it will be the following Monday. All members and anyone wishing to join the club are welcome. If you have any questions please call Loyd Flynn at 723-6776, or Jack Chaney at 723-4045.

Genealogy Help Desk

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

Powell County Diabetes Support Group

Kentucky River Foothills Rural Health Network is sponsoring a Diabetes Support Class. Classes will meet every second Thursday of the month. Classes meet at the Powell Adult Day Care (behind Foothills Mobile Clinic) in Clay City from 4-5 p.m. For more info, please call Tena at 663-9011

CHURCH NEWS

Grace Fellowship Christmas Cantata

Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy, located at 775 E. College Avenue in Stanton, invites you to our Christmas Cantata scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. The Grace Fellowship Youth Drama Team will be performing and presenting the cantata. Songs, drama and the story of Christmas through the eyes of our youth. Pastor Willard Estep and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

Sunday Night Unplugged

Stanton Christian Church invites you to Sunday Night Unplugged. It is a come-as-you-are, contemporary music worship hour with some preaching. It begins at 6 p.m. Come be a part of it.

Prayer Task Force Schedule

The Powell County Christians United Against Drugs (PCCUAD) Prayer Task Force will meet at the Clay City Baptist Church located on the corner of 7th Street and 8th Avenue behind the Clay City Restaurant. This meeting is for all Christians to come and pray together. We name our prayer concerns, pray and leave. Do you have one hour for God? You will be blessed, everyone welcome! The prayer service starts at 9 a.m. on each Saturday.

Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer or need to leave a prayer request, call (606) 663-6172 or (606) 663-6385.

Community Calendar and Church News announcements should include a brief description of the event along with the time, date and location. Please include a phone number for more information with the announcement. Announcements can be submitted by mail, email or phone. Deadline for announcements is Monday at 5 p.m.

AND CHURCH

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Stanton Assembly of God, Washington St., Stanton, 663-0198, Pastor Eddie and Linda Thomas, 859-771-9777, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm.

BAPTIST
Clay City Baptist, 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.
Crossroads Baptist, 2524 Virden Ridge Rd., Clay City, Pastor James Smith, Sunday School 3 pm; Sunday Worship Service 4 pm; 606-663-5796.
Emmanuel Baptist, 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300.; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.
Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.
Friendship Baptist Church, 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm.
Mill Knob Baptist Church, 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.
Morris Creek Missionary Baptist, Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Kevin Chaney. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am, Sunday night, 6 pm
Powell's Valley Baptist, 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.
Rehoboth Baptist Mission, 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
Stanton Baptist, 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Jonathan Lewis , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.
West Bend Baptist, 10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.
Calvary Baptist Church, Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

CATHOLIC
Our Lady Of The Mountaintains Church, 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

CHRISTIAN
Stanton Christian, 100 West Church Street, Stanton, 663-2458; Pastor, Barry Wethington, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and Sunday Night Unplugged, Praise and Worship with Tom Graham and the SCC Worship Band at 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bowen Church of Christ, Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.
Cat Creek Church of Christ, Eugene Reed , Relzda McNabb, and Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.
Clay City Church of Christ, 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
Stanton Church of Christ, 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

CHURCH OF GOD
Bowen First Church of God, 5555 Campton Road, Stanton (Bowen) 663-0751; Pastor Steven V. Williams, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
Clay City First Church of God, 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
Emmanuel Tabernacle Church of God, Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.
Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy, 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.
Hatcher's Creek Church of God, , Worship Service 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.
Knowlton Church of God, Furnace Rd., Stanton, Kenny Wasson, Min, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 6 pm.; Wednesday Service 6 p.m.
Living Water Church, 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
More Than Enough Ministries Church of God, 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838,
Morris Creek First Church of God, 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tip-ton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
Mountain Parkway Church of God, 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
New Beginnings Church of God, 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.
Slade Church of God, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.
Stanton First Church of God, 980 E. College Ave.

P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T.; Moli-han minister.
Vaughn's Mill First Church of God, Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.
Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God, Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.
West Bend Church of God, 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyatt , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.
West Bend First Church of God, 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.
Christian Fellowship Church of God, 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.
Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road, Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

LUTHERAN
Grace Lutheran Church, 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873.

UNITED METHODIST
Clay City United Methodist, 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm.
El Bethel United Methodist Church, 5229 Trapp-Goff's Corner Road (behind Goff's Corner Market) Winchester.; Rev. Mike Albertson, Pastor; 606-233-7407; Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Bible Study 7 pm.

Hardwicks Creek United Methodist, Hardwicks Creek, Rev. Michael Cobb Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.
Shiloh United Methodist, 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Brandon Candee, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
West Bend United Methodist, 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL
Harvestime Assembly 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Rev. Tony

Story, 606-663-9866.

PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian, Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

OTHER
Airport Chapel, Stanton, Scooby Faulkner, Min.
Blessed Assurance Church, 44 N. Main St., Stanton; Gary Sparks, pastor. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; Sunday night 6 p.m.; Wednesday 4 p.m. Phone 859-556-0481
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770
Three Cross Mission Church, Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesday Service 6:30 pm, Clay City, KY
Full Gospel Church, 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.
Full Gospel Lighthouse, Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm
House of Prayer For All People, Helton Mtn., Slade, Dale Helton, Min., Worship Service, Sunday 2 pm.
Nada Baptist Mission, Tunnel Rd., Dr. John Owen, pastor; Phone 859-744-2884. Services 3:15 Sunday School; 4 p.m. worship.

Never Ending Grace Community Church, 29 Howell Lane, Clay City, Stephen Donithan, pastor 859-585-8756 Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Pine Grove C.M.E. Church, 9575 Winchester Rd., Clay City KY 40312. Sunday School: 10 am.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Diane Flora.
Spirit of Life in Christ Church 587 Brush Creek, Clay City, Pastor Ken Fugate, alternate J.D. McClure, 663-4220 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Thursday evening 7 p.m.
Vaughns Mill Community Church, hosting **God's Fresh Start Church** 155 Spout Springs Road, Clay City, Ph. 859-608-6525, Thomas Rogers, pastor, Sunday Service 2 p.m.; Thursday night 7 p.m.
Wings of Love Church, 7283 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ricky Shuler, pastor, Children's Sunday School, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m.
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ENCOURAGING WORD: THE SECULARIZATION OF THE SEASON


Howard Coop
Guest Columnist

It's that season of the year again. Most folk look forward to it, for good times are ahead. But what season is it? For many years, the season was called the Christmas Season, a timeto celebrate the nativity or the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea a little over two thousand years ago. Then, it became known as Yuletide, a "heathen festival at the winter

solstice." Now, it is often referred to as the Holiday Season, and everywhere, there is joyous celebration. As the season approaches, the landscape changes dramatically. All across the land communities decorate extensively. Most of the decoration are pretty, but they are meaningless. There is much that glitters, but there is little use of the traditional symbols of the real meaning of Christmas; we have moved away from that. Almost everywhere everything points to an approaching holiday to be celebrated joyously, but they do not point to a holyday to be observed reverently.

Over the years, things have changed in many ways. At this season of the year in times gone by, almost everyone greeted friends they met with: "Merry Christmas," and that greeting was returned. Now, in some places, that greeting is forbidden. Workers in some places are instructed to say, "Happy Holidays."

There ws a tiime in our schools when Christmas programs with Christmas carols were popular and produced annually. Now, in many schools, those programs are being replaced with programs that celebrate the changing season, or the

winter solstice. In these programs, Frosty the Snowman may be sung but Silent Night and other Christmas carols that express the traditional meaning of the season may not be sung. This radical change is observable in other areas of society.

The traditional meaning of Christmas is rapidly being eroded. The secularization of the season is becoming more and more an observable fact. The Christmas season is becoming a secular holiday that marks the beginning of the winter season.



MIKE REED
County Ag.
Agent

This time of year all of us are looking for a "quick fix" in decorating around the house. We have company coming and we want each room in the house to look like a picture out of Southern Living, or maybe from the Biltmore Estate. There is only one problem: we've used all the Christmas money on presents, wrapping paper and food. There is no money left for fancy centerpiece and flowers. Fortunately if you have a tree or shrub in your back yard or your neighbor's back yard, you can make your own pretty centerpiece or arrangement.

There are many shrubs, trees and vines that you can grow in and around your landscape that make excellent decorations for Christmas. Boxwood is probably one of the best plants to have around for the holidays. Boxwood clippings may last for a week or longer and have a bright green, glossy foliage. Boxwood grows well here and makes an excellent foundation shrub. It is used commonly in many of the "Williamsburg" style decorations.

Another foundation shrub commonly grown in Powell County is the Taxus or Yew. Taxus evergreen branches are a dark green and make excellent filler for wreaths and centerpieces. They do not hold very long however and need to be in water or oasis if possible. The only major drawback in using taxus to decorate with is that you do not want any of your livestock to eat any of these cuttings. Taxus is very poisonous to cattle, goats, horses and any other animal that may eat it. Make sure not to throw any of these cuttings over the fence to old bossy, or she won't make it through the holidays.

Other evergreens to use for arrangements might

Deck the Halls with some live greenery



include juniper, cedar, white pine, and scotch pine. All of these can be easily found in our area and probably need to have a few branches cut here and there any way. Cutting evergreens here in December will not hurt the shrub whatsoever. You may want to have permission however, from the neighbors if you cut on their trees.

With all this green around, you just have to have some red. Holly berries are pretty and holly grows well here, but you need two trees in the area in order to have those bright red berries you need here at Christmas time. Holly does dry up rather quickly, so place it in water in a vase or use oasis. Another red berry that is becoming more and more popular is the Nandina or heavenly bamboo. This shrub is beautiful this year with the brightest red berries you will ever see. Its foliage is glossy green with a little maroon tinge. It will grow anywhere and the berries usually hold on well until the birds take off with them.

Now once you have all your greens cut and your berries in a bunch, it's time to put them all together. Purchase a block of oasis from a local craft store or florist. Oasis will keep your arrangement fresher, longer. Wet the foam to the point that water drips from the

block. Place your block on a Christmas plate or silver tray and start placing your evergreens in the block. White pine, hemlock and cedar make a pretty arrangement and a good way to hide this block. Attach pine cones, red berries, nuts or red apples to the block using a pick or stick. Insert a small Christmas ribbon or bow. Insert in the center of the block a red candle, or even three red candles and you have a centerpiece that Santa would love. Pre order a few red carnations from your local florist, or visit our local Kroger store on Friday morning when they mark down their week-old flowers by as much as half-price (now I told my dirty little secret.) Place red or white roses in with those hemlock branches and you have a \$50 centerpiece for the mere cost of \$5 or less.

Always use caution when burning candles, especially when burning them around evergreens. The resin in each branch will make the centerpiece basically, a torch that will go up in flames quickly if you leave the candle unattended. Do not use any live centerpiece more than a few days as they will dry out quickly in your warm home.

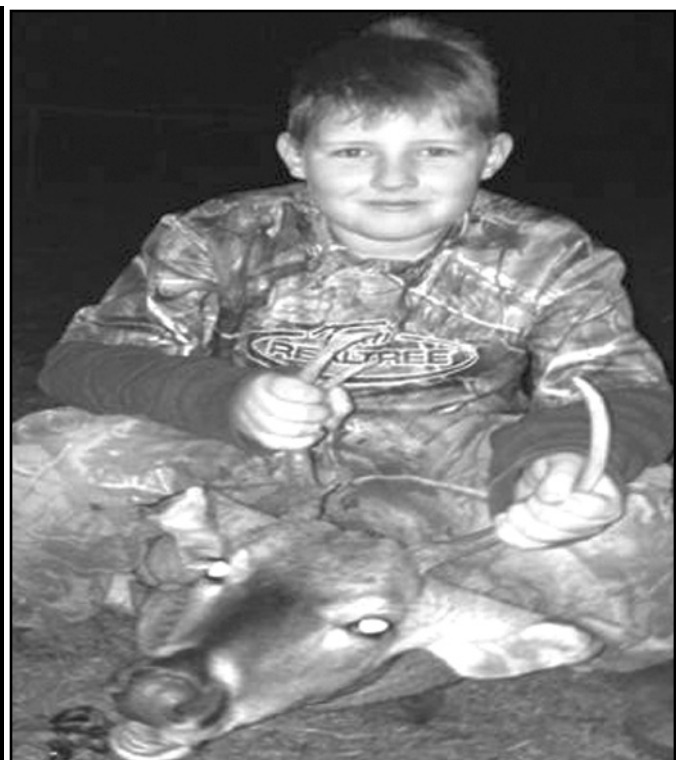
Putting together an arrangement may also be just as simple as putting a few greens and a few red berries in an old

vase, pitcher or crystal bowl, with a little water. Use the "pretty things" in the china cabinet that no one sees anyway! What are you saving them for? After all it's Christmas! Use your imagination and the shrubs around your house to decorate with this week. Your Christmas guests will be amazed at your decorations and you will have saved a sleigh-load of money!

For those who may want to make their own wreath or centerpiece for the upcoming Christmas week, contact the Powell County Extension Office today at 663-6405. There will be a centerpiece workshop on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. at the Extension Office Conference Room. All participants should bring a pair of pruning shears and a pair of scissors. This greenery workshop will be limited to 25 people, so call ASAP! While it won't make your home look like the Biltmore Estate, it will make it smell nice and fresh, just like Christmas!

Enjoy the holidays with your friends and family. Make them as stress free as possible using what you already have around the house.

For more information, contact the Powell County Extension Office at 663-6405.



Brandenburg brothers bag deer one day apart

Brandenburg Brothers both kill their first buck one day apart from each other!

Jayden Brandenburg (above) killed 6 point buck on Nov. 14. Brayden Brandenburg (below) killed a 6 point buck on Nov. 15. Both were killed on the family farm.

Jayden and Brayden are the sons of BJ and Cassie Brandenburg of Clay City and grandsons of Orville and Sherrie Fugate also of Clay City.



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General Assembly to begin Jan. 7

A schedule for the Kentucky General Assembly's 2014 session was approved this week by legislative leaders.

The session is scheduled to convene on Jan. 7 and adjourn April 15. It is expected to last 60 working days — the maximum allowed by the state constitution in even-numbered years.

Legislators will not meet in session on Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or on Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The veto recess — the period of time in which lawmakers return to their home districts to await possible gubernatorial vetoes of legislation — will last from April 1-11. Lawmakers will return to the Capitol on April 14 and 15 for the final two days of the session.

The 2014 session calendar can be viewed online at: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/sch_vist/14RS_calendar.pdf.

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Pirates and Lady Pirates get off to slow start

By GREG MCINTOSH
Times Sportswriter

The Powell County Basketball Pirates began the regular season this past week with high expectations. Powell was looking to rebound from a below par season last year. The Pirates began their season last Tuesday by traveling to Leslie County to face the Eagles.

Powell started the game off in a hole by trailing by double digits in the first minutes of the game. The Pirates chipped away at the lead and were able to keep the game close.

Powell's inability to make shots was highlighted as Leslie maintained the lead. The Pirates made just one-of-fifteen three point attempts and shot only 48 percent from the free throw line for the game. Powell's athletic ability let the Pirates have a chance to win at the end but the Eagles held on for a 64 - 61 win.

The Pirates were led in scoring by Caleb McCoy with 15 points. Brett Goodwin added 11 points and Powell's only three pointer. Austin Mullins chipped in nine points and Brad Smith scored eight points. Matthew Brooks added five points in the Pirate loss.

This past Saturday, Powell traveled to Perry Central on a cold afternoon in the mountains. The Commodores of Perry Central are among the elite in the 14th Region again this season. The Pirates struggled to keep the game close from the opening tip. But the size and quickness of Perry Central wore down the Pirates. Perry rolled over the Pirates, 88 - 62.

Powell was led in scoring by Derrick Robinson with 13 points. Brett Goodwin

scored 12 points and Caleb McCoy added eight points. Austin Mullins and Brad Smith had seven points each for the Pirates. Bradley Cornett chipped in six points for the Pirates.

The Pirates start the season with a 0 - 2 record. Powell was scheduled to be at home on Tuesday against Owsley County. The Pirates travel to Magoffin County on Friday.

By JAMES COOK
Times Editor

The Powell County Lady Pirates opened the basketball season last week with a split. Taking to the road Powell topped Wolfe County easily, 69-44. But playing in the Coach Wilson Classic at Leslie County proved to be quite an experience. Four Lady Pirates fouled

out as Leslie captured a 73-59 victory.

Last Thursday Powell went to Campton to play the Lady Wolves. Powell jumped out to a 22-14 lead in the first quarter. That was close as Wolfe would get the rest of the night. Powell took a commanding 35-20 lead into halftime and outscored Wolfe 34-24 in the second half enroute to a season opening win.

Powell put 10 players in the scoring column. Seniors Triston Curtis, with 16 points, and Keeley Rogers poured in 14. Destiny Peck tossed in 10 points as well to lead the way. Sarah Spencer added nine, Nikki Wells scored six, Stephanie Knox added five and Amber Branham scored three points. Savannah Hamilton, Krista Estep and Shaylan Lindon each added two points.

On Saturday the Lady Pirates set sail for the Leslie County Coach Wilson Classic. A tough Lady Eagles team, with one of the region's top players in Katie Moore, coupled with some serious foul trouble put Powell in a tough spot.

Leslie took a 21-15 lead after one quarter and held a 10 point advantage, 35-25, at the half. Powell made a run at Leslie in the second half pulling to within two points. But Rogers, Lindon, Peck and Curtis all fouled out, which is uncharacteristic for a Lady Pirate team. Leslie took advantage and pulled away to the 73-59 win.

Moore was the games high scorer with 45 points. She was the only Lady Eagle in double figures.

Curtis led Powell with 17 and Rogers tossed in 15 for Powell.

The Lady Pirates will set sail tonight (Dec. 12) to play at Hazard and then return home to play Magoffin County on Saturday.

Pirates December Schedule

Dec. 13 @ Magoffin County
Dec. 17 @ LEE COUNTY
Dec. 26-28 RED RIVER CLASSIC

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Lady Pirates December Schedule

Dec. 12 @ Hazard
Dec. 14 Magoffin County
Dec. 16 @ LEE COUNTY
Dec 20-22 Berea Holiday Classic
Dec. 27-30 Titan Holiday Classic

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Home games in Red*

CLAY CITY & KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARADES 2013



Times Photos by James Cook

The Clay City and Kiwanis Club Christmas Parades were held last weekend. Due to bad weather the Kiwanis Parade was moved to Saturday night, so Powell County residents got to see two parades in one day. There was plenty of pageantry and Christmas spirit to fill the air for both events. Of course Santa made an appearance at both parades and at the Stanton City Park after the Kiwanis Parade Saturday night.